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July 27, 1979

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## *Alumna bequeaths \$10,000 to foundation*

The Marshall University Foundation, Inc., has received a \$10,000 unrestricted gift from the estate of the late Florence Wallett Troutman Uderitz, Dr. Bernard Queen, the Foundation executive director, announced recently.

A former Huntington resident and a Marshall alumna, Mrs. Uderitz died Nov. 11, 1978, in Florida, where she had made her home after the death of her first husband Dr. Holmes F. Troutman, long-time West Virginia coal fields physician.

"Her gift will be placed in the 'University's Greatest Needs' account," Queen said. "Mrs. Uderitz's generosity to the university is deeply appreciated.

"All contributions to the Foundation are important to

us, but often there is a special feeling of gratitude when a former student remembers the university when making out a will," he added.

Mrs. Uderitz, who earned both her B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Marshall, had participated in Marshall alumni activities in Florida. While in Huntington, she was a member of several organizations, including the Huntington Branch, American Association of University Women.

She was the mother of Russell Troutman, Marshall alumnus and prominent Florida attorney, Dr. Joanna T. Fenstermacher of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Florence Cornell of Cambridge, Ohio.



### MU STUDENTS DIG IT

Marshall students Sheila Chapman (left) and Sally Johnson (right) show some of the artifacts found at the archaeological dig near Gallapolis Locks and Dam to Dr. Claire F. Horton, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology and Marshall Provost Dr. Olen Jones. The students were participating in Field Study I the first summer session, and worked under two archaeologists who served as adjunct professors—Dr. Robert Maslowski, an Ohio River archaeology specialist provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Thomas Kuhn, a Marshall graduate and West Virginia archaeologist.

## Dr. Noel Richards accepts Wisconsin post

Dr. Noel J. Richards, who resigned his post as Marshall University vice president for academic affairs in November to become vice chancellor for the West Virginia Board of Regent, has been appointed chancellor of the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse.

The appointment, which becomes effective Sept. 1, carries an annual salary of \$52,144.

A former teacher/administrator at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Richards said in a recent newspaper interview, "This is like returning home for us. My wife is a native of Wisconsin; my doctorate is from the University of Wisconsin and two-thirds of my professional experience is from Wisconsin."

The La Crosse school had a Fall 1978 enrollment of 8,500

students and an operating budget of approximately \$30 million.

Richards, who served as Marshall's chief academic officer from July, 1977, until he accepted the BOR post, succeeded Kenneth Linder at La Crosse. Linder is the current secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

"I did not expect to leave the Board of Regents this quickly," Richards noted, "but the vacancy here (La Crosse) just came up very suddenly. I really have been pleased at the opportunities at both Marshall and the Board of Regents."

Richards spent 10 years at Whitewater, where he was an associate professor of history and associate vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, leaving the campus in 1974 to become dean of arts and sciences at Rhode Island College.

# MU biologists to study mussels

Biologists at Marshall University are conducting a bank survey of the mussel population in the Ohio River from Greenup, Ky., to Pittsburgh, Pa., under a \$24,948 research grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The project, funded by the Huntington District in conjunction with the Pittsburgh District, is to determine what effects modification of the Gallipolis Locks and Dam and commercial extraction of sand and gravel have upon mussel beds, according to Dr. Ralph W. Taylor, assistant professor of biological sciences, who is project coordinator.

## *Actions reported by Academic Planning/Standards*

The Academic Planning and Standards Committee met on July 12 and discussed the following items:

1. A Non-Degree Admissions Policy proposal to identify students who have not met normal admissions criteria was examined but tabled until the Graduate Council considers it.

2. An Educational Support Program proposal designed to aid marginal students and improve student retention was discussed at length but tabled until more information is available in the fall.

3. Policy changes for the nursing B.A. program were approved. The changes would require a "C" as a minimum passing grade for all natural science courses attempted by a student and would set a seven year limit on completing the natural science course requirement.

4. Changes in the medical laboratory technician associate degree program. They would result in more of the courses being taught on Marshall's campus by Marshall faculty.

Any questions about any of the above may be addressed to Giovanna Morton, Chairman, or Bruce Ardinger, Secretary.

## *French university students visit*

Eleven students from France and their group leader will visit Marshall's campus through Aug. 6, as a part of the Vermont-based Experiment in International Living Program.

The group, which arrived Wednesday, will live on campus and attend classes, according to Dr. Robert Alexander, MU management professor and department chairman, who serves as campus liaison for the program. Assisting Dr. Alexander is Rita Mann, MU Student Conduct Coordinator.

During their stay, the group will tour the State Capitol, Huntington Galleries, Heritage Village and Blenko Glass. Swimming and picnic outings are included in the schedule as well.

"This is their only on-campus experience during their seven-week stay in the U.S., which includes stops in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Carmel, Ind.," Alexander said.

## **Campus job openings...**

The Personnel Office has announced the following campus employment opportunities:

Bookstore Clerk I, Bookstore, closes July 29.

Secretary I, Music Department, closes July 27.

Typing Clerk I, Cultural Events/Student Activities, part-time, closes July 27.

Secretary III, Community College Paramedic Program, closes July 27.

Watchman, Security, two positions, closes July 27.

Police Officer II, Security, closes July 27.

Maintenance Worker-Repairman, Maintenance, four positions, closes July 27.

For additional information, or to apply, contact the MU Personnel Office, Old Main 207.

Dr. Taylor said his research group presently is working on the first two phases of the research: locating mussel beds and collecting species to determine if rare, threatened or endangered species or those of economic or commercial value are present.

The third phase will be to assess potential impacts resulting from river traffic, commercial sand and gravel exploration, and commercial exploitation of the mussels themselves.

The research team, composed of Taylor and two graduate students, Beverly Spurlock and Alan Gandee, both of Huntington, is studying 680 bank miles of river.

## **NEWCOMERS**

New to the campus are:

HOMER W. CURRY JR., carpenter, Plant Operations; LINDA K. STOMBOCK, clerk, Registrar; CAROLYN SUE KING, clerk, College of Education; SUSAN RENEE CRAWFORD, secretary, Psychiatry Department; CONNIE J. HARPER, secretary, Research Coordinating Unit; KATHLYN E. HOLMAN, secretary, Student Teaching Center; KAREN L. DENNING, secretary, Microbiology, and CAROLYN S. GALLAHER, secretary, Close Circuit TV.

Welcome to Marshall!!

## **Death claims physician**

Dr. Guy F. Hollifield of Beckley, professor of medicine and associate dean of clinical affairs on the Beckley campus for the Marshall University School of Medicine, died July 14 of an apparent heart attack.

The 57-year-old physician also was director of medicine at the Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital. Memorial Services were held in Beckley and in Charlottesville, Va. A memorial fund has been established in his name at Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He is survived by three sons, a daughter and a brother.

## **BOR vacancy**

The West Virginia Board of Regents is seeking applicants for the post of vice chancellor and director of academic affairs.

The vice chancellor and director of academic affairs reports directly to the chancellor, the chief administrative officer for the Board and system. Responsibilities include academic program review, administration of academic contract programs, academic planning and general supervision of certain State level Federal programs staff.

Substantive and substantial experience in academic administration at the state or institutional level essential. Knowledge of the West Virginia system desirable. Doctorate or equivalent degree required. Annual salary upper \$30's to low \$40's.

Nominations and applications are to be postmarked no later than September 1, 1979, and sent to:

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